

# **HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## ***Minutes--December 11, 2012***

Members present: Abbey Lawrence, Mike Compitello, Barrett Christina, Keith Pfeiffer, George D'Orazio, Marc Boyd, Heather Wheeler, Amy Gall, and Mike Benik.

Guests: Chris Hamilton, Chip Stata

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 pm.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted by general consent. There was not a quorum for the November meeting.

### **Public Input**

Chris Hamilton spoke about superintendents' concern about their ability to accurately report the numbers of homeschoolers to the DOE without annual notification. She suggested that districts could send out an annual letter reminding homeschoolers to inform their participating agency if they terminate their program.

### **Chairman's Report**

George D'Orazio was reappointed by the State Board at its November meeting.

There was a discussion about whether home educated students from Vermont who have Lebanon, N.H. as a school choice are eligible to play sports in Lebanon. Mike Compitello said that the student would need to apply for a waiver from NHIAA.

### **Legislative Report**

Chris Hamilton provided a list of current LSRs which might affect home education.

### **New Rules**

Mike Compitello presented the rules agreed on by the rules subcommittee along with some additional changes suggested by some members outside a subcommittee meeting. There was much discussion about the section on notification, which is required only once; and about evaluation, which must be done annually but not submitted to the participating agency. The Council voted unanimously to defer a final vote on approval of the proposed rules until the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.